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GDP GROWTH RATE IN NINTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ninth Plan period has recorded the lowest GDP growth in comparison to Plans in the last two decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the GDP growth in the Ninth Plan was averaged at4.5 per cent annually lower than the Eighth, Seventhand Sixth Plan period;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the situation in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIC
(SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (d) Based on the Advance Estimates of National Income2001-02 brought out by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO),the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) has achieved a GDP growth rate of 5.4 per cent per annum. This is the lowest growth rate since the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85). The GDP growth rates for the lastthree plans, Sixth (1980-85), Seventh (1985-90), and Eighth (1992-97) were 5.6 per cent, 6.0 per cent, and 6.7 per cent, respectively. The main reasons for low growth are poor agricultural performance and shortfall in public investment and savings.

(e) The Tenth Plan is under formulation